



PRESS RELEASE

**LAUNCHING CEREMONY
OF THE BND 50 COMMEMORATIVE POLYMER NOTE, COMMEMORATIVE COINS
AND THE 5TH SERIES OF COINS IN CIRCULATION,
AND THE STATE MUFTI'S OFFICE PUBLICATIONS ENTITLED 'RAJA MELAKAR SEJARAH'
AND 'THE KING WHO SHAPES HISTORY'
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF
HIS MAJESTY THE SULTAN AND YANG DI-PERTUAN OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM'S
ACCESSION TO THE THRONE**

**BANQUET HALL, PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (PMO)
BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, BRUNEI DARUSSALAM
WEDNESDAY, 13 MUHARRAM 1439H CORRESPONDING TO 4 OCTOBER 2017M**

1. His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, as Chairman of the Autoriti Monetari Brunei Darussalam (AMBD) Board of Directors consented to attend the Launching Ceremony of the BND 50 Commemorative Polymer Note, Commemorative Coins and the 5th Series of Coins in Circulation, and the State Mufti's Office publications entitled 'Raja Melakar Sejarah' and 'The King Who Shapes History', in conjunction with the Golden Jubilee Celebration of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's Accession to the Throne on Wednesday, 13 Muharram 1438H corresponding to 4 October 2017M, which took place at the Banquet Hall, Prime Minister's Office.
2. His Royal Highness the Crown Prince, who is also the Patron of the Advisory Committee for the Golden Jubilee Celebration, was greeted on arrival by:
 - His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Member of the Advisory Committee for the Golden Jubilee Celebration;
 - the Co-Chairpersons of the Executive Committee for the Golden Jubilee Celebration, Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Lela Cheteria Sahibun Najabah Pengiran Anak Haji Abdul Aziz bin Pengiran Jaya Negara Pengiran Haji Abu Bakar, Yang Di-Pertua Adat Istiadat Negara; Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong, Minister of Home Affairs; Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Setia Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abd. Rahman bin Haji Ibrahim, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Finance; Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Seri Maharaja Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Aziz bin Juned, State Mufti; and Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Shahbandar Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Mohd. Nawawi bin Pehin Orang Kaya Shahbandar Haji Awang Mohd. Taha, the Private and Confidential Secretary to His Majesty Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Brunei Darussalam.

3. Also greeting His Royal Highness were members of the Executive Committee for the Golden Jubilee Celebration and members of the AMBD Board of Directors.
4. The ceremony began with the recitation of Surah Al-Fatihah and a Doa Selamat led by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Imam Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Hamid bin Bakal.
5. This was followed by welcoming remarks by Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong, Minister of Home Affairs, as Co-Chairperson of the Executive Committee for the Golden Jubilee Celebration.
6. His Royal Highness the Crown Prince, then consented to launch the BND 50 Commemorative Polymer Note, Commemorative Coins and the 5th Series of Coins in Circulation, as well as the State Mufti's Office's publications entitled '*Raja Melakar Sejarah*' and 'The King Who Shapes History', in conjunction with the Golden Jubilee Celebration of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's Accession to the Throne.
7. His Royal Highness the Crown Prince, also consented to a viewing of videos on the features of the BND 50 Commemorative Polymer Note, Commemorative Coins and the 5th Series of Coins in Circulation, as well as the State Mufti's Office publications entitled '*Raja Melakar Sejarah*' and 'The King Who Shapes History', in conjunction with the Golden Jubilee Celebration; and the making of the BND 50 Commemorative Polymer Note, Commemorative Coins and the 5th Series of Coins in Circulation in conjunction with the Golden Jubilee Celebration.
8. Before leaving the ceremony, His Royal Highness consented to the 'junjung ziarah' by the members of the Executive Committee for the Golden Jubilee Celebration, members of the AMBD Board of Directors, Senior Officers from both the State Mufti's Office and AMBD, as well as the committee members of the Launching Ceremony.
9. AMBD will be issuing 500,000 pieces of the BND 50 commemorative note, and the new 5th Series Coins in Circulation, which will be available for public exchange at face value across all banks and its branches from Monday, 9 October 2017.
10. In addition, an exclusive collection of several types of limited edition numismatic note and coin sets will also be available for pre-order from today, 4 October 2017. For more information, the public can visit <https://www.ambd.gov.bn/HB50>.
11. For the State Mufti's Office publications, '*Raja Melakar Sejarah*' and 'The King Who Shapes History', the book will be available for sale from Thursday, 5 October 2017 at the State Mufti's Office, Jalan Pengiran Babu Raja.

Autoriti Monetari Brunei Darussalam

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